

# THE BOTTOM LINE



## ...on Updated Stop-Movement Policy

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### The Issue:

The Army announced the lifting of Stop Move on 14 May 2003.

### The Facts:

- Some USAREUR enlisted soldiers with a Date Eligible for Return from Overseas (DEROS) between 1 March and 30 September 2003, were extended to maintain personnel readiness.
- **In June, USAREUR will determine whether to involuntarily extend any soldiers who have an original DEROS of 1 October 2003 or later. There is no plan to involuntarily extend soldiers who were already extended once.**
- Soldiers assigned to units that deployed will generally serve the full period of the extension. Soldiers can request an additional 90 days at the completion of deployment for stabilization.
- Soldiers in units that were scheduled to deploy but did not deploy will have any Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extension (IFSTE) adjusted from 180 days to 120 days. Soldiers or units can request that the entire IFSTE be served.
- OCONUS Officers in OIF units with a DEROS 1 June through 31 August 2003 **are** subject to an IFSTE.
- OCONUS non-OIF units with inbounds officers from OIF units may request an IFSTE for incumbents to maintain readiness.
- Command selection list tour lengths, curtailments, or extension requests must be IAW AR 600-20.
- The Army G1 remains the approval authority for IFSTE requests.

### Tell Your Soldiers:

- Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extensions are a last resort to maintain personnel readiness and to ensure continued unit cohesion and stability.
- Exceptions may be granted and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- The Army will continue to honor reenlistment assignments/training at the completion of involuntary foreign service tour extensions.

### For More Information:

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